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SUBJECT: WFP'S SURGING FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS FOR 2003 -
REPORT OUT ON WFP'S RESOURCES CONSULTATION OF FEBRUARY 7,
2003

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SUMMARY

1. WFP'S PROJECTED 2003 NEEDS (ALL PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS)
ARE ESTIMATED AT 4.8 MILLION TONS (MTS), VALUED AT U.S.
DOLLARS 2.4 BILLION (NOT INCLUDING ANY IRAQ RESPONSE IN THE
EVENT OF CONFLICT). WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH PROFILE AND
NEEDY OPERATIONS, 2003 IS EXPECTED TO PUT CONSIDERABLE
STRAIN ON WFP'S ABILITY TO ADDRESS THE FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS
PARTICULARLY OF LESS HIGH-PROFILE, YET NO LESS NEEDY
EMERGENCIES. ON A NOTE OF GOOD NEWS, TWELVE EUROPEAN DONORS
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INCREASED THEIR COMMITMENT TO WFP BY U.S. DOLLARS (USD)
154.24 MILLION, LED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (PLUS USD 53
MILLION) AND THE UK (PLUS USD 68.1 MILLION). AMBASSADOR HALL
CONFIRMED THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO HELP MEET
EMERGENCY NEEDS WORLDWIDE AND SUGGESTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A OECD-CONSTITUTED HUMANITARIAN LIAISON WORKING GROUP (HLWG)
IN ROME TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON HUMANITARIAN CONCERN.
END SUMMARY.

WFP RESOURCES CONSULTATION - FEBRUARY 7, 2003 - SNAPSHOT OF
2002 CONTRIBUTIONS

2. ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE WFP
EXECUTIVE BOARD (FEBRUARY 7), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM MORRIS
PROVIDED A REVIEW FOR THE DONOR COMMUNITY OF 2002
CONTRIBUTIONS AND ANTICIPATED WFP FOOD AID NEEDS FOR 2003.
IN 2002, DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS EQUALED USD 1.805 BILLION,
TOWARDS WHICH THE U.S. CONTRIBUTED USD 928.7 MILLION (51.4
PERCENT). NOTE. IN 2001, THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION, USD 1.2
BILLION, CONSTITUTED 62 PERCENT OF WFP'S TOTAL
CONTRIBUTIONS. END NOTE.

3. TWELVE EUROPEAN DONORS INCREASED THEIR COMMITMENT TO WFP
BY USD 154.24 MILLION, LED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (PLUS
USD 53 MILLION) AND THE UK (PLUS USD 68.1 MILLION). THE ONLY
"BLACK SHEEP" WERE FRANCE (MINUS USD 21.7 MILLION) AND SPAIN
(MINUS USD 1.3 MILLION). NOTE: THIS IN US MISSION'S VIEW
DEMONSTRATES A GREATER EUROPEAN ACCEPTANCE OF BURDEN SHARING
WITHIN THE FOOD AID REALM. END NOTE.
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4. AMONG NON-EUROPEAN DONORS, CANADA (PLUS USD 9.3 MILLION);
INDIA (PLUS USD 8.1 MILLION); OMAN (PLUS USD 2 MILLION) AND
SAUDI ARABIA (PLUS USD 2.0 MILLION) - SIGNIFICANTLY
INCREASED THEIR DONATION LEVELS COMPARED TO 2001.

WFP'S 2003 REQUIREMENTS - "AWASH" IN EMERGENCIES

5. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS (EMOPS) WILL TARGET 39.2 MILLION
BENEFICIARIES, AND WILL REQUIRE AN INPUT OF ALMOST 2.4
MILLION TONS. PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTRACTED RELIEF
AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS (PRROS) WILL INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY,
UP FROM 1.2 MILLION TONS THIS YEAR TO 1.6 MILLION TONS FOR
2003. THIS IS DUE IN PART TO THE EXPANDING PRRO PORTFOLIO,
NOW NUMBERED AT 36 OPERATIONS WORLD-WIDE, AND IS A RESULT OF

DRAMATICALLY INCREASED RELIEF NEEDS IN SELECTED OPERATIONS SUCH AS ANGOLA, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 2002 PEACE ACCORD. AFGHANISTAN, NORTHERN UGANDA, DR CONGO, WEST AFRICA COASTAL, GREAT LAKES/BURUNDI, TAJIKISTAN, CENTRAL AMERICA REGIONAL AND SRI LANKA - REQUIRE LARGE PRRO FOOD AID INPUTS.

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AMBASSADOR HALL'S AFFIRMATION OF CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT TO
WFP

16. AMBASSADOR TONY HALL, IN RESPONDING FOR THE U.S
DELEGATION, AFFIRMED THAT WFP CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT
PARTNER IN ENSURING THAT MILLIONS OF CHILDREN AROUND THE
WORLD HAVE A MEAL EVERY DAY. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE USAID FY
2003 TITLE II PLEDGE OF U.S. DOLLARS 200 MILLION FOR WFP HAD
BEEN SIGNED ON JANUARY 24 AND U.S. DOLLARS 5 MILLION GRANTED
THIS PAST WEEK TO PARTIALLY SUPPORT THE WFP IRAQ EMOP AND
SPECIAL OPERATION (SO). HALL DREW THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO
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PRESIDENT BUSH'S FEBRUARY 1 RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATION
WHERE THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF
INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD AID COMES AS A GIFT FROM THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. HE CITED THE PRESIDENT'S
ANNOUNCED INTENTION IN 2004 TO REQUEST MORE THAN ONE BILLION
DOLLARS TO MEET EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS WORLDWIDE, AND A
PROPOSED U.S. DOLLAR 200 MILLION "FAMINE FUND" TO BRING
ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA AND OTHER REGIONS FACING STARVATION.

17. AMBASSADOR HALL ALSO NOTED THAT THERE EXISTS IN BOTH
GENEVA AND NEW YORK AN OECD-CONSTITUTED HUMANITARIAN LIAISON
WORKING GROUP (HLWG) TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN
AMONGST DONORS AND OCCASIONALLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
RELEVANT PARTS OF THE VARIOUS UN SECRETARIATS. IN JULY 2000,
THE NETHERLANDS (REF B), PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT IN ROME
OF AN HLWG TO HAVE A MORE FORMALIZED OPPORTUNITY AMONG THE
MAIN DONORS TO DISCUSS IN A FRANK, OPEN AND CONSTRUCTIVE
ATMOSPHERE ABOUT HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER CROSSCUTTING ISSUES
WITH POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS ON HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. SUCH A

BODY WOULD ALLOW MEMBERS TO CONSULT EACH OTHER ON
HUMANITARIAN POLICIES AND CO-ORDINATE RESPECTIVE ACTION.
HALL PROPOSED THAT THE TIME HAS INDEED COME TO BRING TO
FRUITION THIS TYPE OF ENTITY IN ROME. NOTE: AT PRESENT, ONLY
LIMITED TIME IS DEVOTED TO HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS - MOSTLY
AT WFP - AND OFTEN IN AN AD HOC MANNER. END NOTE.

COMMENT

18. 2003 WILL BE A YEAR OF MOUNTING HUNGER CRISES. 38 MILLION
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PEOPLE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA FACE STARVATION. WFP HAS
RATCHETED UP ITS BUDGETARY NEEDS ESTIMATES BY U.S. DOLLARS
600 MILLION OVER THE 2002 LEVEL (WITHOUT FACTORING IN IRAQ).
CLEARLY, THE NUMBERS ARE OVERWHELMING THE SYSTEM AND
STRETCHING WFP'S COPING CAPACITY TO SOMEWHERE NEAR THE
BREAKING POINT. HALL

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